

Lord Carrington arrives in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — Former British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington arrived here Saturday evening from Saudi Arabia for talks with several Jordanian officials. He was hosted at dinner this evening by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent. British embassy officials stressed that he is here on a commercial visit, rather than as an emissary of the British government, but indicated that if his Jordanian interlocutors wanted to give him a message to Mrs. Thatcher or the British government, he would probably take it. Lord Carrington, who is director for external relations of the General Electrical Company (GEC) of England, is scheduled to meet with Minister of Trade and Industry Walid Asfour, Minister of Finance Salem Masa'deh, Minister of Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem and officials of the Jordanian Electrical Authority.

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'Release Palestinians at Al Ansar'

TUNIS (R) — Arab social affairs ministers appealed for urgent intervention to obtain the release of Palestinian prisoners detained in a camp at Al Ansar in Lebanon. In a communiqué issued after a three-day meeting which ended here Friday night, the Arab ministers said the Palestinian detainees should be treated as prisoners of war. They condemned "the massacres perpetrated by Zionist forces" and appealed to the International Red Cross to intervene with the Israeli authorities to determine the exact number of prisoners and missing persons. They also asked the Arab League secretary general to convene a joint meeting of social affairs and foreign ministers to find ways to implement and finance Arab social projects.

\$300m cut in aid to Israel proposed

WASHINGTON (R) — A U.S. House of Representatives committee has called for a cut of \$300 million in administration proposals for aid to Israel. The House Appropriations Committee voted \$2.185 million for economic and military aid to Israel in 1983 compared with \$2.485 million proposed by the Reagan administration and a \$2.6-billion package voted by the Senate Appropriations Committee. The funds were included in an emergency funding bill to keep government programmes functioning between December 17 and March 15.

Libya wants better ties with EEC

ROME (R) — Libya hopes Italy will be a window through which to improve relations with the European Community, Libyan Heavy Industry Minister Omar Mustafa Monasser said Saturday. Mr. Monasser, on an official visit to Italy, said he had positive talks with Italian officials over an agreement to reduce Libya's debts to Italy. He said in a statement to the Rome office of the Libyan news agency JANA he discussed implementing the agreement with Italian Foreign Trade Minister Nicola Capria. Italy and Libya agreed on setting some \$775 million owed to Italian firms during a visit last May by Libyan deputy leader Abdel Salam Jalloud. Mr. Monasser said the outlook for future trade cooperation was good and added: "Italy will be the window through which we develop our relations with the states of the European Economic Community."

India cancels team visit to Peking

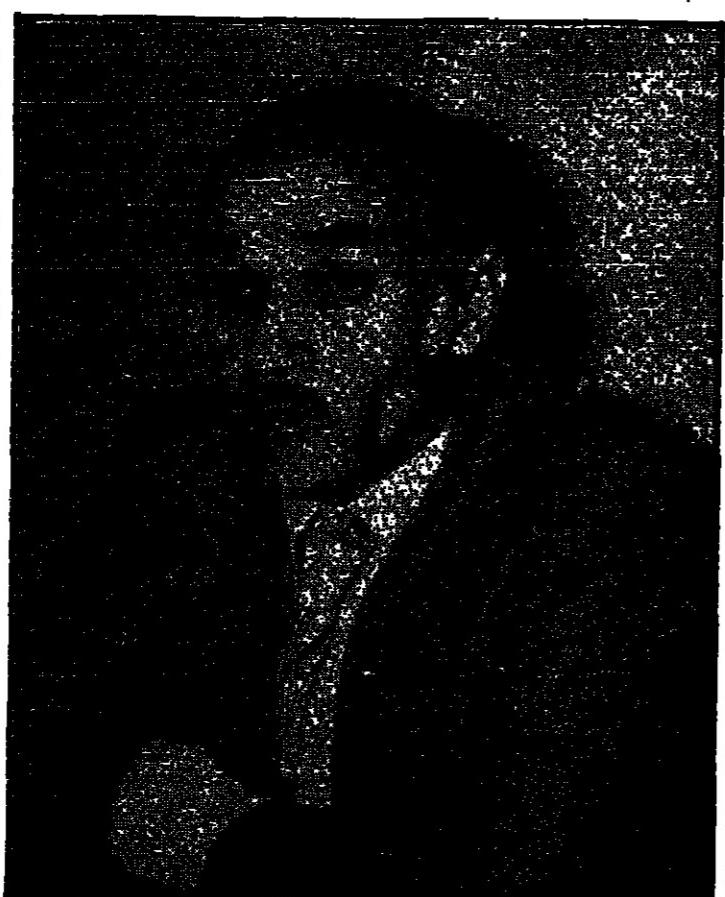
NEW DELHI (R) — India Saturday injected a new twist into its spiraling dispute with China over the staging at the recent Asian Games in New Delhi of dances from a disputed border territory, by calling off at the last moment a courtesy visit to Peking by a non-governmental delegation. A foreign ministry spokesman made clear the cancellation of the three-member delegation's trip stemmed directly from Chinese complaints about the inclusion of the dances in the closing ceremony of the games last week. But the spokesman who announced the decision said India intended to persevere in trying to settle a border dispute central to Sino-Indian relations.

European peace groups talk business

ATHENS (R) — Western Europe's powerful peace movements talked tactics Saturday at businesslike sessions that contrasted sharply with the confusion and technical hitches which marred Friday's opening of their three-day meeting. Delegates said the discussions focused on whether plans to make Europe nuclear-free gradually, like that announced by Sweden on Wednesday, lessen or increase the dangers of a nuclear holocaust. Friday's opening session was upset by a lack of adequate interpreting, confusion about who was present and the distaste felt by many West European delegates at the political tone which Kedea, the Greek host organisation, sought to give the meeting. Dutch, West German and Scandinavian delegations said another cause of disappointment was the absence of any significant East European presence.

Fundamentalists allege torture

CAIRO (R) — Muslim Fundamentalists accused of plotting to overthrow the Egyptian government renounced earlier confessions Saturday, saying they were extracted under torture. As on previous days at the week-old trial, the accused, most of them in their twenties, repeated claims that they and some relatives had been tortured by police. One defendant, Ibrahim Ramadan Ahmed, an army officer, broke into sobs and told the Cairo court he was beaten and flogged and his family was intimidated by police.



Mr. Issam Ajlouni

Amman Mayor dies

AMMAN (Petra) — Amman Mayor Issam Ajlouni died early Saturday of a heart attack. He was 53.

Born in 1929 in Amman, Mr. Ajlouni studied social sciences at Cornell University in the United States and obtained his Masters Degree from the University of Michigan in 1970.

S.Africa claims 4 ANC leaders killed in Lesotho

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Military intelligence sources in Pretoria said Saturday four high-ranking leaders of the banned African National Congress (ANC), one of them a woman, were killed in South Africa's raid into Lesotho on Thursday.

The raiders fought a two-hour battle with Lesotho paramilitary police before the Lesotho force withdrew after a South African assurance that the operation was aimed solely at the ANC, the sources said.

Police in Lesotho said Friday 42 people were killed in the raid—30 ANC members and 12 Lesotho citizens including five women and two children.

The sources confirmed a United Nations statement in Geneva that Zola Ngini, 48, ANC chief rep-

resentative in Lesotho, was among the 30 ANC members killed in the pre-dawn raid.

Also killed were Adolph Mpogoshe, trained as a guerrilla in Angola and a former political commissar there, Limpho Sekamane, wife of a high ANC official in Lesotho and also trained in Angola, and Jackson Tayo, an explosives expert who spent six years in South Africa's Robben Island top security jail after being caught with chemicals for making explosives, the sources added.

Mrs. Limpho Sekamane was believed to be secretary of the ANC women's section in Lesotho. The spokesman denied Lesotho reports that police were hunting 64 South African soldiers left behind after the raid.

'Arabs should stop Med-Dead project'

BAGHDAD (Petra) — The official Iraqi daily Al Jumhuriyah (The Republic) called for a joint Arab stand to face the threat posed by Israel's intentions to construct a canal linking the Mediterranean with the Dead Sea. The newspaper urged a unified Arab stand to pressure those who would undertake to finance the project or into changing their views. The Med-Dead project will provide Israel with a new economic, technical and demographic potential that will reinforce its intentions to annex occupied Arab territories, and plan further expansion, the newspaper said. This could be a part of Israel's dream to set up a state comprising of territories between the rivers Nile and Euphrates. It also poses an economic threat to Jordan and all Arab countries, Al Jumhuriyah added.

Bonn says its views on West Berlin not meant to provoke Kremlin leaders

WEST BERLIN (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl emphasised his government's commitment to Berlin as a German national symbol Saturday and rejected Soviet charges that he was acting provocatively.

Mr. Kohl told reporters the Soviet news agency TASS had accused him of provocation against the four-power agreement on Berlin by holding an economic summit of West German industrial, trades union and political leaders in West Berlin.

The summit was designed to help solve West Berlin's economic decline, aggravated by the city's position, isolated 120 kilometres within East Germany.

"In the German Reichstag today there are no provocateurs," Mr. Kohl told a press conference at the end of the two-day meeting. Mr. Kohl said many of the captains of industry present at the conference had never before sat in the Reichstag, the old German parliament burnt down in 1933

and now an exhibition and conference centre.

"This is for all of us a link to past, present and future," he said.

The four-power agreement says West Berlin is not a part of West Germany, though there are strong ties between the two. Effectively the West German government treats the city as a federal state with special status.

Mr. Kohl, whose statements on German unity have angered the East German leadership, said the German national responsibility for Berlin should never be lost from sight.

"With Berlin stands or falls the entire free order in the Federal Republic, and that is the most important thing," he said.

West Berlin Mayor Ricard von Weizsaecker said the city was a vital symbol, for ordinary East Germans also, of contact between the two post-war German states.

The industrialists present at the conference announced the creation of up to 3,000 new jobs in

Italy consults its ambassador in Bulgaria

ROME (R) — Italy recalled its ambassador from Bulgaria Saturday for consultations over alleged Bulgarian involvement in the May 1981 assassination attempt on the Pope by a Turkish gunman, the foreign ministry said.

Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo summoned ambassador Carlo Rossi Armeud home to discuss relations with Bulgaria in the light of the arrest in Rome of a Bulgarian suspected of complicity in the attack, a ministry spokesman said.

Foreign ministry sources said the decision showed the serious effect on Italo-Bulgarian relations of the arrest of airline official Sergei Antonov and an arrest warrant issued for a former Bulgarian military attache.

A Bulgarian embassy spokesman said he believed it was the first time Italy had recalled its ambassador from Bulgaria for consultations since the end of World War II. The embassy did not comment on the implications.

Mr. Antonov, station manager of the Bulgarian state airline in Rome who was arrested on Nov. 25, has not been charged. But judicial sources have said the right-wing gunman who shot Pope John Paul, Mehmet Ali Agca, named him and two other Bulgarians as accomplices.

Italian newspapers have reported that Agca told magistrates that Bulgarian agents offered him more than \$1 million to shoot the Pope. Bulgaria has denied all the allegations and says Mr. Antonov is innocent.

The Italian foreign ministry said last Thursday it would carry out an overall political assessment of alleged Bulgarian involvement.

The text of the letter was released only two days before a parliamentary session which will discuss legal steps necessary for easing martial law in preparation for the suspension of military rule expected on Dec. 23.

"The awakening of social eff-

Hussein meets Hirohito



Emperor Hirohito meets King Hussein and his son, Prince Abdullah, during Saturday's imperial audience at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. (A.P. wire photo)

Saudis exclude possibility of ties with Communist superpowers now

JEDDAH (R) — Saudi Arabia is not thinking of establishing diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union or China and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal did not raise the matter when he visited Moscow and Peking this month. Information Minister Mohammed Abdo Yamani was quoted Saturday as saying.

The Saudi Arabian daily Okaz quoted Dr. Abdo Yamani as saying that the kingdom, which has no diplomatic relations with any Communist country, felt the time was not ripe for new links.

Speculation that Saudi Arabia was considering diplomatic ties was fuelled when Prince Saud visited Moscow and Peking as part of an Arab League mission exp-

loring an Arab plan for Middle East peace.

Dr. Abdo Yamani said: "We in Saudi Arabia recognise that the Soviet Union and China are two superpowers but the kingdom's international relations are based on mutual interest and identical views and these have not been realised."

Prince Saud Al Faisal did not discuss anything outside the peace mission when he visited Moscow and Peking. Dr. Abdo Yamani said in his interview. His remarks followed a statement by Crown Prince Abdullah published on Thursday that the kingdom had no plans at present to change its foreign policy.

Dr. Abdo Yamani said Saudi Arabia did not exclude the possibility of establishing relations with any country. "Whenever we find any nation that respects our rights and does not expand at our expense we will not hesitate to review our policies towards that nation," Okaz quoted him as saying.

Kuwait, a member along with Saudi Arabia of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), has been urging the Gulf states to establish diplomatic relations with the Eastern bloc.

As the only Gulf state to have diplomatic relations with Moscow, Kuwait has argued that a balanced approach to East and West would reduce the chance of superpower conflict in the Gulf.

Calls for concessions in letter to Jaruzelski

Lech Walesa emerges out of the shadows and starts doing his best

WARSAW (R) — Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Solidarity trade union, Saturday released a letter he sent to Poland's military ruler Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski a week ago calling for concessions to achieve national reconciliation.

It seeks an amnesty for all those sentenced under martial law, reinstatement of those sacked for political reasons and a new policy on trade unions adopting the principle of plurality.

Mr. Walesa personally gave a copy of the letter to the American Broadcasting Company (ABC), who made a copy available to Reuters.

The text of the letter was released only two days before a parliamentary session which will discuss legal steps necessary for easing martial law in preparation for the suspension of military rule expected on Dec. 23.

"The awakening of social eff-

orts and strengthening the position of Poland in the world is possible only through rebuilding mutual trust between the society and government," Mr. Walesa said.

This goal could only be achieved on the basis of the Gdansk agreements of August 1980, forged between striking workers and the government which opened the way for the independent union.

Mr. Walesa told ABC he had also sent a letter to the official PAP news agency declaring that various versions of his letter, which have been circulating in the last week were fake.

Sources close to Mr. Walesa confirmed on Tuesday that he had written the letter, the first communication he had with the Polish government since his release on Nov. 14 from 11 months of internment.

But the sources declined to reveal the contents of the letter, and Mr. Walesa was believed to have agreed with the authorities that he would not make public statements.

Since the day after his release, when he told a press conference he backed national agreement but not on his knees, he has kept silent, saying he needed several weeks to assess the situation after his period of isolation.

The government tried to play down his importance. The official spokesman has referred to him only as a private citizen—"the former leader of the former Solidarity."

"The deep and prolonged crisis can be overcome primarily by the efforts of the whole of society. It is also indispensable that we get foreign aid now withheld for political reasons," Mr. Walesa said in his letter.

"The massacres committed by Begin at the Sabra and Shatila camps in Beirut proved beyond doubt that the Israeli premier and his military machine are hostile to peace," the statement said.

Withdraw Begin's Nobel

AMMAN (J.T.) — Twenty-nine Jordanian personalities representing all walks of life in the country Saturday sent a cable to the Nobel Prize Committee in Oslo asking that the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin be withdrawn.

In the last few days the official press has played up the threat from the underground opposition, and Gen. Barila said Saturday it "has not yet laid down its arms."

This approach contrasted both with the underground decision to call of protests planned for this month because of what the leaders called "a new political situation", and a contemptuous dismissal of the opposition by the government spokesman.

Spokesman Jerzy Urban described the underground communiques as "the make-believe activities of a small group of people who are of no importance any more and have no influence on the course of events in this country."

Western diplomats here said the increased emphasis on the threat of the underground, real or imagined, could mask another concern among the military leadership—whether the Communist Party is in a fit state to resume the reins of power.

return to tensions and anarchy known before last Dec. 13," he said.

Because the times were "still difficult and exceptional," he said, "for some time the authorities will have to be equipped with special powers."

Confirmation that martial law will be suspended, probably at a Sejm (parliament) session on Dec. 23, came Friday night when the coordinating committee of the three main Sejm parties announced they would support such a suspension.

The committee represents the ruling Communist Party and its two closely allied coalition partners the Democratic Party and the United Peasant Party.

Gen. Barila made no mention in his interview of either the release of all internees or a possible amnesty for those convicted under martial law, major concessions which the opposition hoped would accompany the relaxa-

tion of martial law.

A new political umbrella organisation, the Patriotic Movement for National Rebirth (pron)—which has the personal backing of military leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski—appealed for the release and amnesty of internees three weeks ago, raising hopes that this would be agreed.

But since then, the official propaganda line has changed, with official papers playing down the extent of the relaxation of restrictions and ruling out any complete lifting of martial law at this time.

The authorities have gradually freed hundreds of internees held across the country but the only top Solidarity figure so far included is Lech Walesa, the union leader, who has kept a low profile since his release last month.

317 still held

The official news agency PAP said that on Wednesday 317 peo-

HOME NEWS

Seminar emphasises potential of advanced plastics technology

AMMAN (Petra) — A five-day seminar on plastics technology and its application began Saturday at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office in Amman under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent.

Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour, who deputised for Prince Hassan, made the opening speech in which he underlined the importance of plastics technology which he said has contributed greatly towards developing other material-producing industries.

In the last few years, the world has witnessed a revolution in the plastics industry and the application of plastic products which resulted in the use of plastic to replace a number of metals resources of which are bound to run out, the minister said.

In his speech, Dr. Attar outlined the objectives of the seminar

which include among other things the exchange of information and expertise on new trends in the plastics industry, its uses and application. "The seminar serves as a good opportunity for the participants to make their assessment of new methods of production of plastics materials and of developing their own organisations' capacity," he said.

Also addressing the first session was Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Deputy Director Fakhreddin Al Daghstani who called for further Arab investment in petrochemical industries which are based on oil products.

Taking part in the seminar, organised by the ECWA in cooperation with the RSS, are delegates representing Western Asian nations.



Delegates attend a seminar opened Saturday in Amman on plastics technology and its application (Petra photo)

National fuel consumption went up by 16% last year

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan consumed 2.13 million tonnes of fuel in 1981, an increase of 16 per cent over the 1980 figure, according to a spokesman for the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA).

He said that the increase resulted in an increase of imported fuel that used up nearly 13 per cent of the country's gross national product.

The increase in fuel consumption is expected to continue to rise in the current five-year development plan in view of the country's economic development and the exploitation of mineral resources, the spokesman said.

However, he added, a stabilisation of fuel prices, and an increase of Jordan's exports are expected to alleviate the burden on the country's national economy.

Delegation leaves for Arab interior ministers meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian delegation led by Minister of Interior Ahmad Obeidat left for Morocco Saturday to take part in meetings of Arab interior ministers.

The meeting will discuss an Arab security strategy and the "adverse effects of Israel's practices against the Arab population in the occupied territories," Mr. Obeidat said in a predeparture statement.

Following the meeting, the delegation will start an official visit to Morocco for talks on subjects of mutual interest.

Balqa Governor Mohammad Al Khatib and Public Security Director Lt.-Gen. Mohammad Idris are among the delegation members.

Nairobi symposium urges more interest in afforestation plans

AMMAN (Petra) — A four-day symposium on afforestation held in Nairobi, Kenya, recently called on all countries to show more interest in programmes of forest planting, and in increasing the exchange of information on the subject through universities and research centres, according to Dr. Marwan Kamal, dean of the University of Jordan's Faculty of Agriculture.

Dr. Kamal, who represented the university at the symposium, said upon returning here Saturday that the delegates called for organising more seminars and training programmes to promote the planting of forest trees.

The delegates discussed a number of working papers dealing with the developed and developing countries' experiences in teaching programmes on planting forest trees, including a study Dr. Kamal submitted on forest planting in the Middle East and North Africa.

Jordan attends conference on fish wealth in Red Sea

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan is one of seven countries taking part in a four-day seminar which opened in Khartoum Saturday on the exploitation of fish wealth in the Red Sea.

The participating countries, bordering on the Red Sea, will discuss among other subjects their needs of expertise and equipment for exploiting fish wealth, according to Mr. Adnan Yassin from

the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO) who represents Jordan at the seminar.

He said in a statement shortly before departure for the Sudanese capital that the JCO plans to encourage the work of a fishing cooperative society in Aqaba and will help it expand its activities.

The Khartoum seminar is being held under U.N. auspices, he said.

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AMMAN (Petra) — A two-week training course for employees of the Income Tax Department opened here Saturday. Twenty-nine employees are attending the course which is designed to orient them on provisions in the new income tax law and methods of assessing tax and implementing the law's regulations. Mohammad Shukri, a specialist in income tax affairs, opened the course with a call on the participants to benefit from it in order to develop their skills and capacities so as to handle various income tax issues in the country.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Jordan, Iraq discuss communications

AMMAN (Petra) — Iraq's ambassador to Jordan Ibrahim Shujai Sultan and Communications Minister Mohammad Al Zahed discussed at a meeting here Saturday ways of improving postal and telephone services between Jordan and Iraq. The two officials also reviewed the progress of work on a microwave telephone communication system between the two countries.

Decision postponed on foreign cigarettes

AMMAN (Petra) — The National Consultative Council (NCC) Economic Committee, headed by Mr. Anis Musher, Saturday discussed a proposal on licensing import of foreign-made cigarettes. The committee decided to postpone taking any decision on the issue until further consultations with government representatives.

World Bank team tours Aqaba projects

AMMAN (Petra) — A World Bank delegation Saturday toured a number of development projects in Aqaba and discussed with local officials the problems and difficulties that they face in planning and implementing schemes there. The delegation met with the district governor, several officials and members of a committee in charge of implementing urban development projects in the city. The World Bank, at the request of the Jordanian government, is currently conducting a regional study to determine the difficulties that impede urban planning in the country.

Progress reported in building new dam

AMMAN (Petra) — Nearly 30 per cent of the project, a building a dam in Wadi Al Aqeb in the Duleil region has been completed, according to the Natural Resources Authority (NRA). It said that the JD 150,000 project, which is due for completion in September 1983, is designed to store nearly a million cubic metres of water to irrigate a pilot agricultural project near the dam.

'Middle East Exhibition' ends in Bahrain

AMMAN (Petra) — An exhibition entitled "The Middle East Exhibition," held at the Exhibitions' Centre in Bahrain, concluded Friday. Several Arab and foreign universities and publishing establishments participated in the exhibition which lasted five days. Yarmouk University's Department of Cultural and Public Relations said thousands of reference books, periodicals, films and audio-visual aid installations and projectors were among the material on display.

JCO distributes barley to farmers

ZARQA (Petra) — An agricultural cooperative office in Zarqa has distributed 2,600 tonnes of white barley to farmers of cooperative societies in the governorate, according to Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO) Director Mohammad Ramahawi.

knows to be right for him, in a style through which he can express himself fully.

The exhibition, "25 years of Artistic Life" is an exhibition of great diversity yet unifying the collection is Mr. Sayed's mastery at depicting the human figure and vital movement. Mr. Sayed is an artist capable of producing good and valid art in his own original style. By developing his two great abilities further and by shying away from the desire to emulate other much admired artists—as he has gone beyond the stage when that kind of work would help him—he will go on from strength to strength.

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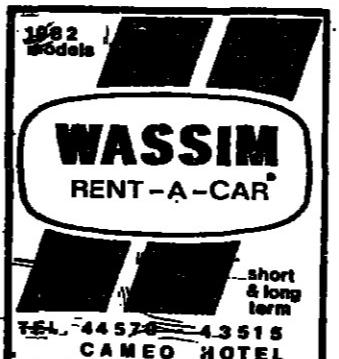
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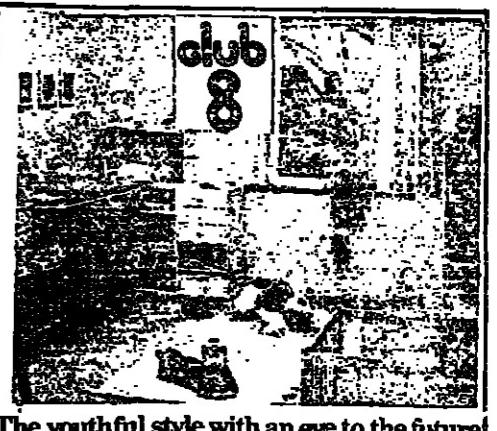
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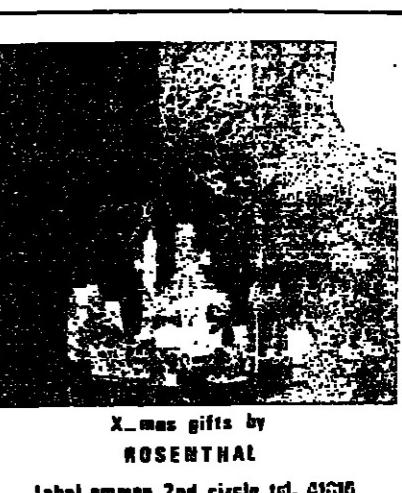
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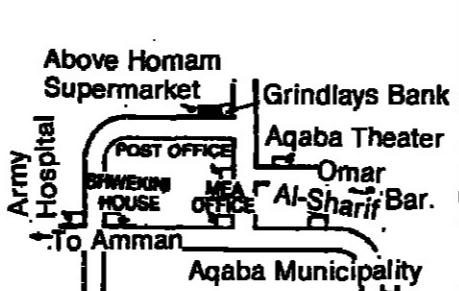
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Scene from Hollywood

THE DECISION by the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee to cut Reagan administration proposals for aid to Israel, only several days after a Senate subcommittee called for increasing it, initiates the first round of a Reagan-Begin friendly boxing match played live on Capitol Hill. "I am not paying for Lebanon," Ron says Begin. "And I am not going to shoulder the whole cost either," Ron shouts back at Menachem. And so it goes until a Polish bell rings or a devout Communist dies. Thoroughly enjoying the first round, the honorable gentleman on Capitol Hill will no doubt ask for a second. "If the first round made Capitol Hill", the senators will argue, "the second should make Hollywood".

Following President Reagan's Sept. 1 initiative to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict, his administration said it will neither increase or decrease "scheduled" aid to Israel.

When the Senate subcommittee recommended the increase in aid to Israel, the administration objected, saying the add-on would harm efforts to bring about a U.S.-tailored Middle East settlement. Israeli Foreign Minister Shamir protested the customary "injustice done unto Israel". But the

Appropriations Committee would not listen, and its members decided to cut the aid \$300 million below what the president had originally recommended. The aid bill is expected to be further discussed by the full House and approved by the Senate before each Israeli gets his \$600 American ration for the year 1983.

With an expected Israeli win Capitol Hill's first round may then end, but only to make way for a second round, as promised by the senators. This round will be so tough and long, some of them will no doubt argue, that it may continue until the 1984 budget, or even later, when the two heavyweight combatants have to break for elections in the U.S. and Israel. "Never mind the other spectators," this time the congressmen will tell each other. "People will wait; they like Hollywood".

If there happens to be Arabs among the spectators, there is bound to be some who will like any Hollywood scene. But most will not be amused by the funny Washington match of who plays softer with darling Israel.

Americans should know the aid cut drama is but an exercise in futility. Until the U.S. is prepared to do better, Washington cannot be serious.

JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: U.S. should match words with deeds

The recent United Nations General Assembly resolution that called on Israel to suspend its plan for a canal linking the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea expressed a near unanimous stand towards Israel's aggressive intentions, and manifested the world community's complete awareness of the dangers of such a project.

It is no wonder that Israel voted against the U.N. resolution, but what represents an unfathomable oddity is the similar American stand, that was alien to political or even moral standards in the light of President Reagan's initiative for the Middle East.

Needless to say, Israel's settlement plans, preparations for constructing nuclear plants, and pre-conceived flooding of Jordanian land, an assault on Jordan's sovereignty, are quite manifest threats to peace in the region, and are easy to be noticed and evaluated by the U.S. administration.

Al Dustour: It is time Britain recognised its responsibility

The British government's stand towards the reception of the seven-member Arab League committee is not only surprising, but also arouses a feeling of repulsion and denunciation. And if any other country has a justification for not receiving the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) representative, the historical British responsibility for the Palestinian tragedy should impose on the British government a certain sense of political and moral duty, that can not be done away with under any pretences.

The Arab peace committee has visited four of the U.N. Security Council permanent member states, but the British foreign minister's reiteration of his government's former attitude based on certain conditions manifests great lack of objectivity and sense of protocol. The British government had asked for a written proclamation,

On the same grounds, the Israeli project is a practical blow to the cornerstones of the Reagan initiative. Hence, the American opposition to the call on Israel to give up its plans blatantly contradicts with the U.S. peace proposals.

The paradox only poses a question whether American words or deeds are to be trusted.

It is also worth questioning whether the defeat of the U.S. administration faced at the Zionist lobby's hands at the Senate's Appropriations Committee has started a chain reaction that will conclude in the total eradication of the Reagan initiative.

The U.S. administration has been made to single itself out against the will of the world community, and if any credibility of U.S. policies in the Middle East is to be regained and their seriousness manifested, the U.S. attitude will have to witness a great practical shift, matching deeds with words.

Signed by all the committee members emphasising their commitment to the Fez decisions. This simply forms a precedent in international relations, urging people to submit to their own decisions, and simply implies that the Arabs are not trustworthy, and should not be dealt with. The British conditions also require an Arab declaration denouncing terrorism. The least description possible of such a condition is to classify it as immoral. An accusation suggesting connection with terrorism on the Arabs' side only makes it imperative to remind Great Britain that the Arabs have never colonised anybody's land, nor demolished any country, nor ransacked any people's natural resources. This can be nothing but a projection of historical complexes unto righteous causes.

Britain has a lot to revise before enforcing tensions on international relations.

Attempt to strengthen government but create safety valve within parliament

Major reforms discussed in Poland

By Mark Wood
Reuter

WARSAW — Poland's Communist leaders are considering radical changes to government structure next year, including introduction of a French-style presidential system, Western diplomats said last week.

They said senior members of the government had told Western ambassadors recently that a number of major reforms were being discussed which would reshape the Polish political system, but that no firm decisions had been taken. Among the proposals being considered was the creation of a Christian Democratic Party which would have a fixed number of seats in the Sejm (parliament) and would be permitted to monitor and criticise some aspects of state policy. The aim of the changes was to establish a stronger system of central government but also to create a "safety valve" within parliament enabling the church and opposition forces to air their views, the diplomats said.

The government ministers had said the reforms, if approved, would probably be introduced in the middle of next year. Until then, the military-led administration would stay in power.

The discussion of the changes resulted from general agreement among Polish leaders that it would be unwise to return to the Orthodox style of Communist government which existed before martial law, the diplomats said. This seemed to reflect continuing weakness and division in the Communist Party, which has yet to resume a major role in Polish life.

The ministers confirmed to the Western envoys that there were firm plans to lift martial law this month, but said there would be no immediate structural changes as a result. A session of the Sejm on Dec. 13, exactly one year after the declaration of the "state of war", is expected to announce its termination.

The ministers said that after this date the ruling military council led by General Wojciech Jaruzelski would stay in power, but some of the trappings of military rule would be removed. Remaining political internees, believed to number more than 670, would be released except for those facing formal charges, such as members of the dissident movement KOR, who have been accused of attempting to overthrow the government by force. The diplomats said the president's job would almost certainly go to

Lift sanctions

Military commissars would be withdrawn from most factories now run by the army and telephone tapping would end, but there would be a continued ban on strikes and demonstrations, at least for several months, the diplomats said.

The discussions about a thorough political reform seemed to be part of an attempt to create a strong, stable civilian administration to replace the military government, they said. But they also cautioned that the ideas now being floated could be partly aimed at convincing the West that the leadership was genuinely seeking to restore constitutional rule. Warsaw could be hoping that this would encourage Western nations to lift economic sanctions against Poland, introduced as a reaction to martial law, as soon as this was formally lifted, the diplomats said.

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More than 1000 men, mostly Palestinians believed to be held in secret prison camps outside Beirut People are still being detained daily

By Phil Davison
Reuter

BEIRUT — Western diplomats are concerned about the condition of more than 1,000 men, mostly Palestinians, who they say are being held by the Lebanese army, mainly in a secret prison camp in the hills outside Beirut. The army says it has only 344 detainees. Of 1,400 people detained since September, 700 of them, mostly "Palestinian fighters", were deported to Jordan or Syria while the rest have been freed, an army spokesman said.

Western diplomats, however, said they had no evidence of mass deportations, and believed more than 1,000 men were still being held by the Lebanese army. Representatives of the U.S., French and Italian embassies, whose troops form a peace-keeping force in Beirut, have been allowed to visit detainees at Beirut's Badaro prison. But the Western diplomats believe most are held at a secret camp in hills at Yarzeb, behind Lebanon army headquarters outside Beirut. Embassy representatives have made repeated requests to visit the camp but have so far been refused.

The detainees are mostly Palestinians, from shopkeepers to United Nations employees, but include Lebanese leftists and possibly some foreigners, the diplomats told Reuters.

There is concern over reports, mostly from freed prisoners, that the detainees may be seriously underfed, they added. Detainees' relatives said they had heard from released people that two prisoners had starved to death in recent weeks. A Lebanese army spokesman denied this. "They're throwing food away in the prisons. If anybody died from not eating, he must have been fasting. But we have heard of no deaths," he told Reuters.

The Western diplomats said there was no evidence to support Israeli press reports last month that Palestinian detainees had been murdered by the Lebanese army or deported in large numbers. The Israeli reports gave no source nor any details of where the alleged murders were supposed to have taken place. The Lebanese army detainees are in addition to 6,000, mostly Palestinians, held by Israeli forces in a camp at Ansar, southern Lebanon, and hundreds of people, both Palestinian and Lebanese, believed to have been kidnapped in and around Beirut by rightist Christian militiamen.

Several hundred women began a sit-in last Saturday at the Islamic centre in west Beirut, office of Lebanon's Sunni Muslim leader, Grand Mufti Hassan Khaled, calling for the release of relatives detained by the Israelis. The Lebanese army or the rightist militiamen.

The women had listed more than 1,300 missing men, some of them not seen since the Sept. 16-18 massacres in west Beirut's Sabra and Shatila refugee camps, widely blamed on rightist Christian militiamen. West Beirut was controlled by Palestine Liberation



Organisation (PLO) commandos and various leftist militiamen until this summer's Israeli invasion of Lebanon and bombardment of the western half of the city. The Israelis forced the evacuation of known PLO fighters to various Arab countries and moved into west Beirut to disarm the leftists. It was after this the long-dormant Lebanese army moved into west Beirut and detentions began in late September.

Most detainees have been held since the Lebanese army staged major swoops on west Beirut houses in early October in an effort to restore government control. Those still in detention would face military tribunals on charges inc-

were still being detained daily. Relatives said the Lebanese soldiers did not say why the men were being detained or where they were being taken. But army and government spokesmen have said that some were wanted for various crimes and others did not have legal residence documents.

Military tribunals

An army spokesman said the 700 people, mostly Palestinians, deported since September did not have the correct documents. Those still in detention would face military tribunals on charges inc-

luding murder and robbery, he said. Palestinians who fled to Lebanon from Palestine during the 1948-49 Arab-Israeli war, and their families, are officially registered as refugees. The Lebanese media have given little coverage to the army detentions. While Palestinians believe they are the subject of official harassment, now that the commandos who defended them are gone, many Lebanese feel the government and army are merely trying to clear out illegal residents. A 45-year-old Palestinian woman from the Sabra refugee camp who survived the September massacres, told Reuters her husband, 51, also a Pal-

estine diplomat who visited Badaro prison two months ago told Reuters some detainees had obviously been beaten. "They (the Lebanese army) should let them go or charge them through the normal legal process. It's just dumb to keep them so long," Rel-

atives said people freed had told them that, although prisoners had been beaten initially, this had since stopped.

De la Madrid moves to end financial crisis and curb corruption

New president gives grim picture of prospects for Mexico

By Simon Alterman
Reuter

MEXICO CITY — Miguel de la Madrid, sworn in last Wednesday as president of Mexico, is moving swiftly to end the country's financial crisis and curb corruption. In his inaugural speech, he told Mexicans they face two hard years as he grapples with the country's financial troubles. He vowed to wage war against corruption in public life which has become as institutionalised as the Mexican revolution. The next day, he doubled the price of petrol and last Friday he sent a package of bills of congress which would strip corrupt government officials of immunity from prosecution and allow prison terms of up to 14 years for those convicted.

Foreign bankers and diplomats expect the announcement soon of two other measures — a relaxation of Mexico's exchange controls and a further devaluation of the peso. In the five months since Mr. de la Madrid was elected — a mere formality since his Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) had provided every president for the last 53 years — he has had plenty of time to plan his

strategy. "But one has to be impressed with the speed with which they have moved," one Western diplomat said. "Don't forget this is Mexico where things tend to move rather slowly."

The president's inaugural speech gave a grim picture of the immediate prospects for Mexico, which tumbled into its worst financial crisis this summer as declining revenues from oil exports failed to keep pace with payments due on its \$80-billion foreign debt. "Mexicans with low incomes are finding it increasingly difficult to satisfy their basic subsistence needs," he said. "We are in an emergency... the situation is intolerable. I will not allow our homeland to crumble away through our fingers."

To help him hold things together, Mr. de la Madrid, 47, kept some of the ministers from the outgoing administration of Jose Lopez Portillo but introduced into the cabinet a cluster of young technocrats in his own image. Foreign workers were heartened by the retention of Finance Minister Jesus Silva Herzog, the only one to keep the same portfolio, and were delighted when Miguel Mancera was re-appointed director of Mexico's central bank. Mr. Mancera

held the post from February until September this year. He resigned when Mr. Lopez Portillo imposed full exchange controls to try to conserve Mexico's scant dollar resources.

Like the new president, Mr. Mancera, 49, spent much of his career managing the finances of Mexico's voracious public sector. In 1960, after taking a masters degree in economics at Yale, he joined Mr. de la Madrid at the central bank. He spent five years administering the government agency for export financing, then returned to the Bank of Mexico.

The man he replaced as director last week, Carlos Tello, was not a favourite of the international financial community. Mr. Tello's support for the exchange controls and decision to allow interest rates — already way below the rate of inflation — to decline further contradicted the financial orthodoxy favoured by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which has tentatively agreed to lend Mexico \$3.84 billion.

Mr. Mancera, who dispensed with the ceremony of taking office favoured by most new appointees, promptly raised interest rates by one to three percentage points. As

the author of widely-circulated pamphlets on why exchange controls would not work in Mexico, he is not expected to delay action on that front for long either.

In his inaugural speech, President de la Madrid said: "We shall eliminate irrational exchange subsidies that affect the health of public finances." Most bankers and financial analysts have taken this to mean the end of the preferential exchange rate of 50 pesos to the dollar, established to provide a cheap source of foreign exchange for private sector imports and debt payments.

In practice, dollars cannot be bought at the exchange rate of 50 pesos and have been hard to come by even at the ordinary rate of 70 pesos. The only guide to the true value of the peso has come from the zone along Mexico's 3,200-km border with the United States, where dollars have changed hands for up to 120 pesos each.

Bankers say that one constraint on a possible devaluation is the damage it would do to the balance sheets of private companies, already not in the best of health. Anticipating the adverse effects of a devaluation on these companies, the stock market plummeted.

New publishing venture gives a voice to Arab women

Text and photos
By Suzanne Zemut-Black
Special to the Jordan Times

"Do women live in spite of their muffled voice? Asya Djebar: Women of Algiers in Their Apartments"

"Men and women can never be close. They can hardly speak to one another in the same language. But are compelled, forever, to try..." Margaret Drabble: *The Middle Ground*.

It thoughts like these from Arab and Western women writers, and the ideologies which they portend, that have inspired four Jordanian women and brought them together in a long term and ambitious project. Their aim is to "bring into the sun" the literary works of Arab women, not only by selling but also by publishing. They also want to make available to the Jordanian reader world literature concerning women or written by them.

The four have formed a company known as Arab Women's Library and Publishing House, and as a first step, opened a bookshop under that name. Established some five months ago, the bookshop is rapidly acquiring a character of its own in that it caters more and more to feminist issues.

But the bookshop is largely looked upon by its owners as their financial springboard to the ultimate aim of a publishing house. "There are no feminist publishing houses in the Arab World," says Mrs. Salwa Taher, explaining that she and her co-directors feel strongly that there is a need for such an establishment.

"We want to publish as much of Arab women's writing as possible. Lots of women all over the Arab World write, but are rarely published. There is some sort of a Pandora's box waiting," says Mrs. Taher, wondering what truth will be revealed when the box is opened.

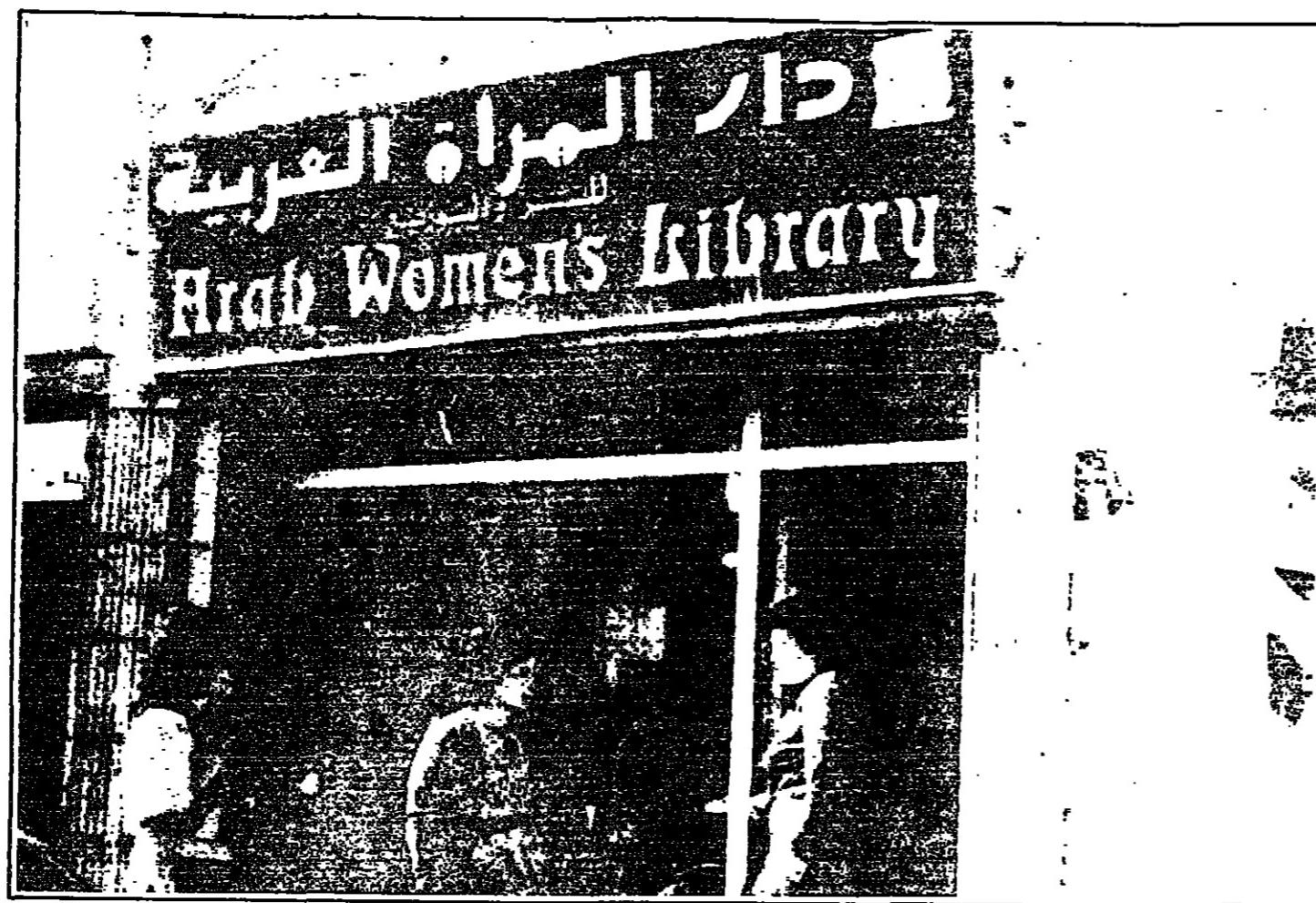
Although the emphasis is on women, the prospective publishers will consider any manuscript that "throws a light on human relationships." One of the company's aims is to enhance better understanding and honest dialogue between the sexes as well as among members of one sex.

Helping men understand

Mrs. Taher believes that women understand men much better than men understand women. "It is simply because women have been exposed to men's works since childhood." She stresses that men, who do not read women's books, miss something in understanding half mankind. "We want the man to understand his sister, his wife, his mother. We don't want to frighten him."

Another area that interests the group is the promotion of women's health in the fields of nutrition, physical fitness and natural childbirth. Towards this end, the company intends to produce tapes and literature.

"We have already commissioned people to prepare material in these areas," Mrs. Taher, acting as a spokeswoman for the group, told the Jordan Times. She



The bookshop on Jabal Luweibdeh—a "financial springboard" for publishing ventures

mentioned tapes and booklets being prepared by a physical education teacher, well known for her exercise and yoga classes in Amman. Especially for the company, the instructor is adapting movement to Arabic music and preparing material for Yoga exercises.

Another expected contributor is a dietitian who runs a beauty institute in town. She will be writing a book on nutrition in Arabic. The company is determined to

keep the diets reasonably priced. "You don't have to be rich to go on a proper diet," says Mrs. Taher, adding that the diets will be based on "our life style."

Another tape and a book, this time on natural childbirth, will be prepared by Dr. Aref Zalatimo, who is a Jordanian gynaecologist and one of the pioneers of applying this technique in the United States. "It's a foreign concept here and the patients applying it are mainly foreigners," Mrs. Taher

pointed out.

New children's books

The other main concern of the company, -- the child -- will be receiving a lot of attention. The directors are on the lookout for manuscripts in Arabic that will meet their criteria. They expressed dissatisfaction with most Arab writers of children's books. Mrs. Taher accuses them of not having enough understanding of the child's world and his needs and of treating him as a miniature adult.

She adds that many books are full of historical and nationalistic concepts which children cannot identify with yet. "Besides, most of the books available for children in Arabic are either literally translated from other languages or are adaptations of these books to an Arab environment, and furthermore, they lack grading for word capacity."

To help satisfy the need in this area, the prospective publishers have approached educators who are qualified in the Arabic language and in understanding and dealing with children. One such contributor is already planning a series of Arabic books for children that will meet the criteria of grading and writing from the child's point of view.

The bookshop which will provide the springboard for these ventures is situated in the busiest shopping area in Jebel Luweibdeh. It also offers the usual stationery, newspapers and magazines as well as current best sellers and established classics. "This is to subsidise the special books we want to make available," one of the directors of the company explained.

The shop offers a wide collection of Arabic, English and French books by both Arab and

Western women writers. Works by the Egyptian Nawal El Saadawi are found along with others by the Algerian Aicha Limsine and the British Doris Lessing. Apart from women writers, the shop offers books that concern women in all fields including such traditional subjects as pregnancy, child care, gardening and cooking.

Specialisation, however, does not lie in women's books only. The shop is also eager to provide quality books for children and a prominent section of the shelves contains six carefully graded divisions for the young reader.

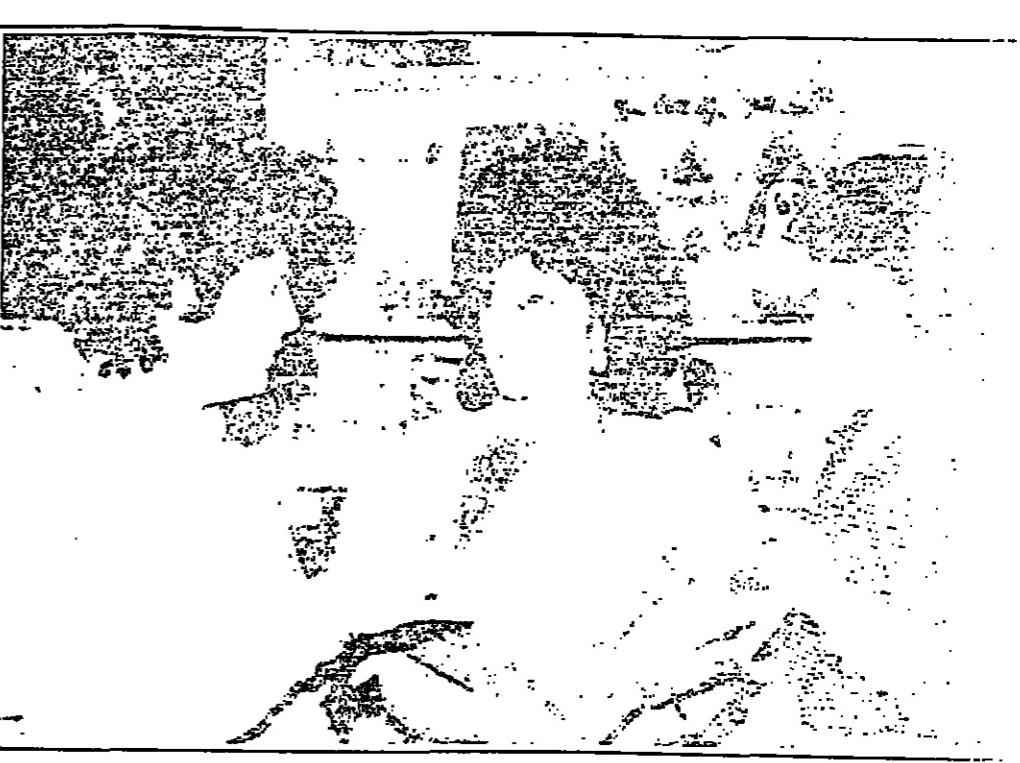
There is also a comprehensive choice of Arab writers translated into English. These include such famous authors as Taha Hussein, Yusef Idris, Nabil Mahfouz and Tayyeb Saleh. The North African writers make a presence as well, but in French.

Accused of segregation

As women, the directors had no problems legally in establishing the business, but attitudes were a different matter. While they had a lot of encouragement and moral support from some of their relatives and friends, especially the Algerian writer Aicha Limsine, they nevertheless had to put up with some less positive attitudes.

Lawyers, for one thing, often reacted with "surprise, amusement, and sometimes, suspicion." Many male critics demanded an explanation of the need for a women's publishing house, while others went to the extent of calling it segregation.

Looking to the future, one of the company directors summed up the situation. "Our ambitions are not matched by our present financial position, but the important thing is to start."



Company directors (left to right): Fadiha Zalatima, Salwa Taher, Hala Aghabi



Currently available children's books are on sale, while new ones are being commissioned



Salwa Taher and son Omar, aged four, share enjoyment of a new book

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* Paintings by Ayad Al Nimer, at the British Council.

* Paintings by Mohammad Bullis, at the Regency Palace Hotel.

* 30 Years of U.S.-Jordanian Economic Cooperation, at the American Centre.

CONCERT

* "Toys for Tots", featuring Charles Metropolis, Ace and Dream bands, at the Palace of Culture, at Hassoun Sports City, at 4:00 p.m.

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The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opened last year. Tel. 51760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qaa'a (Citadel Hill).

Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Jordanian artists from most of the Middle East countries and colonies of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.

Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Sunday. Tel. 663436.

Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc.

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SPORTS

United keeps pace with Liverpool

LONDON (R) — English soccer League Champions Liverpool without conceded second-half pressure from Watford Saturday to secure a 3-1 win and stay on top of the first division.

But second-placed Manchester United to remain within three points of the champions in what could again develop into a two-team race for the title.

With European Cup Champions Aston Villa off-duty—they are in Tokyo for Sunday's World Cup Championship clash against Peñarol of Uruguay—Nottingham Forest climbed two places to third spot with a 2-1 victory over Swans.

With several championship contenders, including West Ham United, Ipswich and Watford, losing Saturday West Bromwich Albion seized their chance by crushing bottom club Sunderland 3-0 to move into joint fifth place.

West Ham were shocked at home 3-0 by Coventry while Ipswich also lost 2-0 at home to Everton to end a run which had taken them from last place to seventh in the table.

Liverpool lead with 37 points, followed by Manchester United on 34, Nottingham Forest with 32, Villa with 31, and Watford and West Brom with 30.

Both Liverpool and Manchester

United had England stalwarts injured in their victories.

Liverpool's England defender Phil Thompson was carried off with an ankle injury while United's England skipper Bryan Robson limped off nine minutes from time. Both must be doubtful for England's European Championship clash against Luxembourg at Wembley on Wednesday.

Liverpool wasted no time in taking advantage of Watford's nervousness on their first League visit to Anfield. Ian Rush grabbed his 15th goal of the season in the 21st minute, and then Watford defender Wilf Rostron conceded two penalties to allow Liverpool to take a commanding 3-0 lead with defender Phil Neal converting them both.

But Watford, refusing to roll over and play dead, surged into the attack in the second half. Liverpool's defence looked vulnerable and Rostron made amends for his earlier lapses in the 54th minute to make the score 3-1. But though Watford continued to dominate, they could not back the deficit.

Thompson was carried off in the 62nd minute after being hurting his ankle in a challenge. He returned three minutes later with the ankle strapped but lasted only another minute.

Manchester United struggled for while to overcome Notts County, but once Northern Ireland's teenage striker Norman Whiteside had given United the lead in the 24th minute, they cruised to an impressive victory.

Dutch midfielder Arnold Muhren set up Frank Stapleton for the second goal and also created the third for Robson. Defender Mike Duxbury completed United's tally.

Only Swansea goalkeeper Dai Davies prevented Nottingham Forest from a greater victory in their clash. Colin Walsh and Mark Proctor scored Forest's goals, with Robbie James replying for Swansea.

Coventry hammered three goals in the last nine minutes of the first half against West Ham to set up their first away win of the season, Mark Hateley, Brian Roberts and Steve Whitton connecting.

F.A. Cup draw

The draw for the English Football Association Cup third round, to be played on Saturday, January 8:

Shrewsbury v Rotherham, Telford or Tranmere v Wolverhampton, Gillingham or Northampton v Aston Villa, Watford v Bristol Rovers or Plymouth, Leicester v Notts County, Tottenham v Southampton, Crystal Palace v Hartlepool or York, Swindon or Brentford v Aldershot, Leeds v Preston, Oldham v Fulham, Norwich v Swansea, Grifiton v Newcastle, Huddersfield v Chelsea, Newport v Everton, Southend v Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester United v West Ham.

Villa manager optimistic about clash with Peñarol

TOKYO (R) — Rival managers Hugo Baguado of Uruguayan club Peñarol and Tony Barton of England's Aston Villa both complained Saturday about the state of the pitch for Sunday's World Club Championship soccer match here.

After inspecting the pitch at the national stadium for the first time, Baguado criticised the bumpy surface. "The pitch is no good," he said.

Barton's main complaint was the hardness of the ground and said it would help his team if it rained.

But the weathermen have predicted fine weather for the game and the organisers expect a 62,000 capacity crowd for the game which will be beamed to television audiences in 45 countries.

The match is the 22nd in the series which used to be called the Inter-Continental Cup. South American clubs have won it 13 times, Peñarol accounting for two of these successes in 1961 and 1966.

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the trophy, Manchester United, Nottingham Forest and Liverpool, who were beaten by Flamengo of Brazil in last year's final here, all having failed.

But Barton believes Villa have a good chance of winning because they have adapted to the time difference in Japan better than previous English teams in the final.

He said Nottingham Forest and Liverpool, who played here in 1980 and 1981, woke up and went to sleep according to British time so their body clocks would be ready for matches when they returned to England.

"I think we are doing the right thing to adapt ourselves to Japanese time. The players are all getting good sleep," Barton said.

He said they had watched a videotape of Peñarol against Cobreloa of Chile in the first leg of the Libertadores Cup final in Montevideo. "There was nothing frightening in their play," Barton added, although he acknowledged the threat of strikers Jair Goncalves and Fernando Moreira.

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Dokes stuns Weaver, wrests WBA title in 63 seconds

LAS VEGAS (R) — Michael Dokes captured the World Boxing Association (WBA) heavyweight championship crown Friday night, stopping Mike Weaver only 63 seconds into the first round and sparring a minor riot in doing so.

Dokes, with the reputation of being a boxer rather than a sewer, came out of his corner quickly and immediately stunned Weaver with a left to the head. Seconds later, a right-left combination to the head dropped Weaver for a six-count.

However, Weaver seemed more puzzled than hurt and went to the ropes in an attempt to cover up and weather the round. Dokes immediately pounced on Weaver, landing several solid blows, but missing with many more.

While Weaver wasn't throwing many punches, he didn't appear to be hurt when suddenly, almost inexplicably, referee Joey Curtis jumped between the fighters. The capacity crowd of 4,500 in

Caesars Palace thought Curtis was breaking a clinch. But Curtis was halting the bout, awarding the win and the title to Dokes.

The crowd immediately began chanting obscenities and "fix-fix" in unison. In the ring, several scuffles broke out between members of Weavers' and Dokes' camps.

Dokes was ranked as top contender by both the WBA and World Boxing Council (WBC).

After the bout Weaver expressed astonishment that the referee had stopped the fight.

"He threw a good left hook," he said of the blow by Dokes that dropped him to the canvas. "But I was not hurt, he shouldn't have stopped the fight."

Weaver said he thought the decision to halt the bout was a reaction to the death of Korean fighter Duk Koo Kim following his WBA lightweight title bout five months ago, against Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini in this same arena.

his one minute-plus of work in the ring, Dokes received \$400,000.

The win keeps the 24-year-old Dokes, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, undefeated with 26 victories and one draw to his credit. He has won 15 of his fights with knockouts.

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Kriek sweeps into Australian Open semifinals

MELBOURNE (R) — South African-born title-holder Johan Kriek swept into the men's semifinals of the Australian Open Tennis Championships Saturday and then launched a blistering attack on the tournament organization.

Kriek, now a U.S. citizen, crushed American Drew Gitlin 6-0, 6-4, 6-1 in the quarterfinals and faces Paul McNamee, who beat fellow Australian Pat Cash 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

The other semifinal will be an all-American clash between Hank Pfister, who overcame compatriot

Brian Teacher 6-1, 6-3, 6-7, 1-6, 7-6, and Steve Denton, who beat Sammy Gimmelsky of the U.S. 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-6, 6-3.

Kriek's outburst came over the scheduling of matches. He has played only one of his last four ties on the centre court, and said that if officials wanted to get the top players to the Open they should at least "be fair with the top seeds."

Kriek said it was even worse for second seed Denton, who Saturday had his first look at the centre court in his quarterfinal match.

The defending champion said he told tournament director Colin

McNamee it was "disgusting" the way players were treated.

McNamee eliminated Wimbledon and U.S. junior champion Cash, one of Australia's brightest prospects, to reach the last four for the first time. His previous best was a quarterfinal spot two years ago.

McNamee said of his match with 17-year-old Cash: "When I turned the pressure around onto him in the third set maybe it surprised him a bit."

"But he made a few errors that he won't be making again in a hurry."

India avenges defeat by Pakistan

MELBOURNE (R) — Olympic Champions India avenged their humiliating defeat in the Asian Games final 10 days ago when they beat arch-rivals Pakistan 2-1 in the World Hockey Tournament here Saturday.

The India lost 7-1 to World Cup-holders Pakistan in New Delhi but reversed that result Saturday afternoon in a match marred by some over-robust tackling and an incident at the end when play was briefly suspended after beer bottles were thrown onto the ground.

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EEC, U.S. agree to collaborate

BRUSSELS (R) — The European Community and the United States have agreed to hold talks early next month to try to prevent an all-out trade war over agricultural subsidies.

But while the talks are going on, the United States has refused to rule out retaliation against the subsidies which it complains are undercutting American farm exports and harming Third World nations.

The agreement to open negotiations was taken Friday night at a meeting of American cabinet-level officials and members of the 10-nation European Community's executive commission.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block told reporters at a press conference following the meeting: "there will not be an agricultural trade war."

When asked if this meant that official threats to dump surplus butter, cheese and milk on the world market had been dropped, Mr. Block said the Americans had not agreed to withdraw or to take any actions.

"We leave that open," he said. "There is no decision on that at this time."

Both sides adopted a con-

ciliatory tone at the press conference.

Commission President Gaston Thorn said the two sides had agreed to collaborate and that urgent action was needed. But he said Europe's common agriculture policy was not negotiable.

He said the United States and the European Community had to avoid upsetting international markets and should respect each other. They had agreed, he said, to draw up an inventory of specific problems affecting both sides and work to eliminate them.

At the heart of the problem is the wide difference between commodity prices within the European market and the prices at which it exports. The Community pays huge sums to keep up domestic prices to help farmers while subsidising exports to promote sales.

Mr. Block said the Community appreciated the need to harmonise internal and world prices.

Secretary of State Mr. George Shultz led the American delegation which also included trade representative William Brock, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan and secretary of commerce Mr. Malcolm Baldrige.

U.S. firm sues China

NEW YORK (R) — The People's Republic of China is being sued in New York by a securities firm called Carl Marks and Company.

In two suits presented to the U.S. district court Friday, the firm said the Chinese government had refused to pay \$12 million due on securities sold in the United States in 1979 — 30 years before the communists took over in China.

The suits charge that, on the basis of resumed diplomatic relations between the governments of the United States and China in 1979, the present Chinese government is liable for the defaulted payments.

The securities were to have become due in 1954.

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Mexico relaxes controls

MEXICO CITY (R) — Mexico's new government has announced relaxation of the country's exchange controls and the return to free trading of the peso, in the most far-reaching measures yet to combat the country's acute economic crisis.

The moves were announced Friday, night by Central Bank Director Miguel Mancera, less than 24 hours before President Miguel De La Madrid's first budget is formally presented to Congress Saturday.

Mr. Mancera told a press conference that a controlled foreign exchange market, at rates to be fixed daily by the bank, would be established along with the free market.

Both will come into operation on Dec. 20.

But the decision to return to a free market in the peso for most transactions will in effect lead to the third devaluation this year of the Mexican currency.

The extent of the devaluation will not become known until trading starts on Dec. 20 but bankers here expect that the peso will drop

well below 100 to the dollar, against the present "ordinary" rate of 70.

Changes to the exchange control system were widely expected after Mr. De La Madrid appointed Mr. Mancera director of the Bank of Mexico, a job he resigned in September when the controls were first introduced.

Imposing the controls, then president Jose Lopez Portillo also established a two-tier exchange rate.

In addition to the 70-peso rate, a preferential rate of 50 pesos to the dollar was nominally available for transactions such as payments on Mexico's \$30 billion foreign debt.

Instead of conserving the country's palty hard currency reserves, the low rates and rigid controls merely drove dollars onto the black market or into U.S. exchanges.

Special facilities will be made available for the payment of overdue interest on these loans -- now approaching \$1 billion -- and for the purchase of foreign currency for future delivery at subsidised rates.

Foreign bankers welcomed Friday's measures and said they were sure to be well-received by the

International Monetary Fund (IMF), which has tentatively agreed to lend Mexico \$3.84 billion.

Promises made to the IMF in return for the emergency loan have largely conditioned the shape of the budget which Finance Minister Jesus Silva Herzog will present to congress Friday.

Many of the measures designed to slash the government's deficit have already been announced -- hefty tax increases and spending cuts which Mr. De La Madrid hopes will spread the burden of austerity fairly.

Mr. Silva Herzog will deal only with revenues, such as the special 10 per cent levy on high incomes and the increases in value added tax, especially on luxury items.

Planning and Budget Minister Carlos Salinas De Gortari will detail spending plans when he appears before congress on Monday.

Foreign bankers and economists say a rise in unemployment is almost certain to follow from the severely deflationary budget.

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 12, 1982

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good time to study and gain whatever information you desire, so make a point to investigate whatever is vital to your best interests, whether it be spiritual or mental.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study new philosophies of living that can prove most enlightening and make your life brighter. Express happiness.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Your hunches are very good now so put them to use and get excellent results. Engage in favorite hobby with congenials.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Plan how to improve your relationships with others, and be sure to take the right steps. Make this a happy day.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) A good day to repay any favors that others have extended to you in the recent past. Show more affection for loved one.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Put those creative ideas to work that will bring good results in the future. The evening is ideal for entertaining.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Take necessary steps to increase harmony with family members. Make repairs to property. Express happiness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make a workable plan to have greater abundance in the future. Consult a trusted friend who could be of great assistance to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make the right plans to have increased income in the future. Allow time for meditation that could be beneficial.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Go after your personal goals in a positive way and get excellent results. Be wise to the ways of outsiders.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Plan how to gain more of the things you want in a most ethical fashion. Be fair when dealing with others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Showing more affection for your friends improves the relationships. Take time for helpful meditations.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Study your positions in community affairs and take steps to have added prestige. Show devotion to family members.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will have a brilliant mind and therefore should be given the finest education possible, stressing business management. Be sure to give ethical and religious training. Sports are a must in this chart.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

What happened to Regan's initiative?

KRONBERG, West Germany (R) — Finance ministers and central bankers of the Western world's five leading industrial nations left one dominant question unanswered after their meeting here: Whatever happened to the Regan initiative?

U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan announced before leaving Washington early this week that, as a "personal initiative," he would put to the meeting of officials from Britain, France, Japan, and West Germany the idea of a

review of the whole world monetary system.

Mr. Regan said he was thinking only of ways to smooth volatile exchange rates and avoid last-minute rescues of countries with huge debt problems. But he stirred imaginations in saying this eventually could lead to a monetary conference.

Although finance ministers and bankers had stressed their discussions would be private and informal, the news that there would

be no substantive discussion of the "Regan initiative" was hastily leaked to journalists at Friedrichshof castle.

In fact, conference sources said, there was virtually no mention of the plan, although West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg did diplomatically say later that Mr. Regan's thoughts "had been taken into consideration."

"We couldn't very well tell him to his face it was a lot of nonsense,"

said one European official bluntly.

Meanwhile, it was agreed in principle Friday more cash is needed to be made available urgently to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to prevent the financial collapse of debt-ridden developing nations.

However, no specific recommendations were made on just how the fund's 148 member countries should handle the crisis.

Libya reported tripling oil output

TRIPOLI (R) — Libya has tripled its oil output this year to around 1.8 million barrels per day (b/d) to clear a backlog of foreign debts weighing heavily on its development plans, according to oil industry and diplomatic sources here.

Despite the world oil glut, Libya had tripled its output from 600,000 b/d at the start of the year and instituted an aggressive marketing campaign involving discount and barter deals, they said.

The sources said Libya had the rely broken away from an Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) ceiling of 750,000 b/d allocated to it in March in order to pay its foreign suppliers and contractors.

They estimated Libyan debts at

the start of this year as \$2.3 billion to international suppliers for goods delivered and a further \$6.7 billion owing on outstanding contracts.

Western diplomats said the Libyan authorities expected to clear the debt backlog by next March at the latest, after which oil output was expected to drift down to around 1.2 or 1.4 million b/d.

The oil glut forced the Libyan authorities to rethink their \$62.5 billion 1981-85 development plan which was based on an output of 1.4 million b/d at \$40 a barrel, the sources said.

With the price of Libyan crude force down to around \$33, Libya froze all new development projects and banned all imports except food, medicines, spare parts

and raw materials in March.

Imports of new cars were banned and there has been no influx of the Japanese hi-fis and videos that were a feature of Libya's state supermarkets, they said.

The sources said it was impossible to state with certainty the real price of Libyan crude because it was effectively concealed in complex discount and barter deals. The posted official price is \$35.40 for high quality Zueitina crude.

Under one such deal Libya is believed to have given the Soviet Union 150,000 b/d since mid-July as repayment for debts of between \$1 billion for arms purchases, the sources said.

Under another deal the U.S. firms Coastal and Charter Coastal State are being paid a 20 per cent deposit for taking Libyan crude, splitting the profit with Libya after it has been refined into products, they said.

Diplomats said they thought it unlikely that Libya would continue to pump oil out at current rates much longer for reasons of conservation.

The increase began around June after equity producers Amerada Hess, Conoco, Occidental, Marathon and Mobil complained the tax-paid price was so high it

was cheaper to leave the oil in the ground, oil industry sources said.

So Libya struck a deal with the producers guaranteeing them a profit margin of \$1.50 per barrel and promptly upped output to around one million b/d, despite the OPEC accord aimed at stabilising and sharing the market.

The arrangement was based on a market price defined by Libya, but in mid-September equity producers complained that this price was too high.

From Oct. 1 Libya revised the market price downwards, causing a surge of production. The price was revised upwards later that month but producers were then guaranteed a \$2 profit margin, the sources said.

Output has risen from an average 600,000 b/d in the first quarter of this year to 750,000 in the second, 1.3 million in the third and projected average of 1.8 or even 1.9 million b/d in the current fourth quarter, the sources said.

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"With these debts out of the way, and they are already well on the way to that, medium, long-term and even short-term prospects are good and promise well for investment," he said.

THE Daily Crossword

by J. S. Barrick

ACROSS	25	— king	45	Buzzer	13	Hide
1 Trotter's cousin	26	Distinction	47	Greek letters	18	Annapolis
2 Zounds!	29	— Rhein gold	49	Disfigure	24	Dried up
10 First principles	31	Small marine fish	51	Salad ingredient	25	Thirst quencher
14 Ham it up	34	Shank's instrument	54	Like vinegar	27	Bismarck Chinese "way"
15 Sweetheart	35	Habitat: comb. form	55	Eye doctor's concern	30	Part of London
16 Ineffectual	36	Ac: sen. sibily	58	Portico	31	Caledonian
17 Certain conductors	40	Globe	59	Clamp of a kind	32	Reformer
19 High: comb. form	41	Genie State	60	Potage	33	Aspiring Trumpeter, for one
20 Cragsman's staff	42	Mexican money	61	— and now	37	Low beams
21 Turgenev	43	Numerical prefix	62	Charger	38	Concupine's chamber
22 Nautical term	44	Formerly, archaically	63	States	39	Jocko
23 Again	44	"The Love"	64	Inclines	45	I.S. or P.D.Q.
24 After old or young	45	—	65	Yesterdays' Puzzles Solved:	46	Composer Bloch
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					2	Mentions
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NATO tells Moscow time is short

BRUSSELS (R) — NATO governments have warned Moscow that less than 12 months remain to sign an arms pact which could halt the basing of new U.S. missiles in Europe.

Alliance officials described it as a virtual ultimatum that planned Cruise and Pershing II deployments would go ahead on schedule at the end of 1983 unless there are "concrete results" in U.S.-Soviet negotiations in Geneva, which started last year.

NATO foreign ministers, at a two-day meeting in Brussels which ended Friday, made it clear there would be no backtracking on the Western plan if a current negotiating deadlock continues, officials said.

The ministers of the 16-nation alliance issued the clearest signal that only a joint agreement to restrict medium-range nuclear missiles in all of Europe could stop the basing plan.

The strongly formulated position was also seen as an attempt to counter arguments by peace movement campaigners and West German and other left wingers who are bitterly opposed to the American missiles.

The NATO ministers, in a communique Friday, called on the Soviet Union for a "constructive and serious approach" and welcomed U.S. readiness to consider new Soviet proposals.

Another NATO statement, issued by a consultative group on Thursday, also stressed that the only way to prompt a Western rethink would be the achievement of a concrete limitation agreement

in Geneva.

The NATO ministers also told the Kremlin's new leadership they wanted better relations with the Warsaw Pact countries but asked for tangible evidence that Moscow is ready to move forward in reducing East-West tensions.

The Soviet Union has called for a limit of 300 medium-range European-based missiles on each side, but says the U.S. total should take account of British and French submarine and air-carried weapons.

The West contends the British and French independent nuclear deterrent forces should be kept out of the equation at this stage, although leading Western experts believe they will have to be included in an overall count eventually.

The United States, backed by NATO, has offered a "zero option" solution that would eliminate all European-based medium-range missiles. NATO sources say some pressure is building up for a more limited fallback position based on agreed cuts on both sides.

NATO says the Soviet Union already has 333 triple-warhead SS-20s, at least two-thirds of them pointed at West European targets. The United States at present has no midrange missiles in Europe capable of hitting the Soviet Union.

Alliance ministers agreed privately that 1983 would be a testing time for the West, with domestic opposition to the basing plan expected to grow.

Some Western countries warned about convention

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (R) — The United States and other countries failing to sign the new United Nations Sea Law Convention were warned they would face grave consequences if they attempted seabed mining on their own.

The warning came from conference President Tommy Koh of Singapore only hours after the treaty, governing all uses of the oceans and their resources, was signed here Friday by representatives of 119 delegations.

It enters into force a year after being ratified by 60 countries.

The signing ceremony and closing speeches climaxed the nine-year-long United Nations Law of the Sea conference, the most ambitious and complex in diplomatic history.

The United States maintains that the treaty's seabed mining rules restrict private enterprise and require the transfer of technology to an international seabed authority that, as well as regulating private consortia, can carry out mining operations of its own.

The United States was joined by Britain, West Germany and about 20 other delegations in refusing to sign the accord, which remains open for two years.

'Reagan should talk to Soviets about treaties'

WASHINGTON (R) — National security officials will shortly tell President Reagan he should ask the Soviet Union to agree to better verification procedures, but not necessarily on-site inspection, before the United States ratifies treaties limiting underground nuclear tests.

Administration officials said they expected a review group which has been studying the 1974 threshold test ban and 1976 peaceful nuclear explosions treaties to report to the president in the next week or so.

Neither treaty has so far been ratified by either country.

The administration officials, who were speaking on condition they were not named, said the report would recommend asking Moscow to accept better procedures for verifying compliance before the treaties are finally sent to the Senate for approval.

They said it would advise that until such an agreement has been reached, U.S.-British-Soviet negotiations for a nuclear comprehensive test ban treaty should remain suspended, as such a pact would raise even greater verification problems.

Supporters of the earlier treaties argue that U.S. insistence on on-site inspection provisions might prompt Moscow to reject the treaties.

Under proposals being weighed by the review group, the officials said, a country planning a nuclear weapons test would have to allow the other country to place monitoring devices at the test site beforehand and to collect geological samples from the site afterwards.

U.S. officials say present monitoring equipment outside the Soviet Union is unable to tell with certainty whether a blast is 75, 150 or 300 kilotons, making treaty violations possible.

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A spokeswoman at Dr. Kissinger's private consulting firm in Washington said Friday the meeting was a chance encounter without political significance.

In an interview with Bassem Al-Moualem, Mostakbal's Washington correspondent, Dr. Ahmad Sidqi Al Dajani, a member of the PLO Executive Committee and an adviser to PLO leader

Yasser Arafat, said Dr. Kissinger initiated the meeting in Morocco on Nov. 25 and the two discussed Middle East politics.

It was Dr. Kissinger who, at Israeli insistence in 1975, set a condition that the U.S. government would have no dealings with the PLO until the PLO recognised Israel's right to exist.

The spokeswoman for Dr. Kissinger said he did not realise at first that he was talking to a PLO official, "although it soon became clear."

The encounter did not signify any change in Dr. Kissinger's position against U.S. dealings with the PLO.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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